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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: CAMP DAVID TALKS

1. JORDAN PRESS AUGUST 18 AND 19 CONTINUES TO FRONT-PAGE CAMP DAVID TALKS. PRESS UNDERLINES IMPORTANCE OF TALKS AND WARNS AGAINST FAILURE AND ITS CONSEQUENCE TO PEACE PROSPECTS IN REGION. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AD-DUSTOUR AUGUST 18 SAYS: "CAIRO SAYS: BEGIN'S STATEMENTS ARE STUPID AND ILLOGICAL. THE CAMP DAVID CONFERENCE WILL BE LAST CHANCE TO TRY METHOD OF DIRECT NEGOTIATION." ALL PAPERS HEADLINE CARTER'S STATEMENT IN RECENT TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE THAT "FAILURE OF CAMP DAVID MIGHT BRING WAR BACK TO THE REGION."

2. IN UNATTRIBUTED EDITORIAL AD-DUSTOUR CALLS ON ARABS TO FACE CERTAIN FACTS ABOUT CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. PAPER SAYS RESULTS WILL HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ON FUTURE OF ARAB CAUSE. PAPER ADDS THAT ISRAELI DELEGATION IS PROCEEDING  
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TO CAMP DAVID WITH SUPPORT OF "ENTIRE ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION AND JEWISH PRESSURE GROUPS IN U.S." PRESIDENT CARTER "ENJOYS SUPPORT OF CONGRESS AND MAJORITY OF U.S. PUBLIC OPINION." SINGLE NEGOTIATOR WHO DOES NOT YET HAVE SUPPORT OF HIS OWN PEOPLE IS SADAT. THE EDITORIAL CALLS ON ARABS NOT TO STAND IDLY BY OR ACT INDIFFERENTLY ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURE. COORDINATION WITH SADAT IS STILL RE-

QUIRED BECAUSE THE "STATE OF SILENCE AND NEGATIVE EXPECTATIONS PRACTICED BY THE ARAB SIDES NOW MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS VOLUNTARY CONCESSION OF THEIR RIGHTS."

3. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED: "THE IMPOSSIBLE PEACE," ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AR-RAY' AUGUST 18 SAYS ISRAEL IS ALREADY SHOWING ITS HAND, PARTICULARLY ABOUT SO-CALLED "SECURE BORDERS." PAPER POINTS TO STATEMENT BY MOSHE DAYAN THAT "ISRAEL'S MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS INsofar AS ITS SECURE BORDERS, DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH THE JUNE 4, 1967 BORDERS." THE EDITORIAL ADDS THAT MIDEAST ISSUE "WILL NOT BE SETTLED IN CAMP DAVID IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN KING DAVID HOTEL IN OCCUPIED ARAB JERUSALEM, BUT WILL BE SETTLED IN ANOTHER VENUE OR FIELD" WHICH THE PAPER BELIEVES WILL BE A BATTLEFIELD.

4. ENGLISH LANGUAGE JORDAN TIMES OF AUGUST 19 EDITORIALIZES ON CAMP DAVID TALKS AND CRITICIZES CARTER FOR RECENT STATEMENT IN WHICH HE LABELLED CAMP DAVID SUMMIT AS VERY RISKY AND ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE. THE EDITORIAL DESCRIBES CARTER'S STATEMENT AS "AN INDICATION OF POLITICAL INEXPERIENCE." THE PAPER LISTS A NUMBER OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT: "TO MOBILIZE THE RESOURCES OF THE EEC STATES AND THE UNITED STATES TO GET A COMMITMENT FROM ISRAEL THAT IT WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE WEST BANK AND GAZA IN RETURN FOR "FULL PEACE"; TO EXPLORE THE TENS OF POSSIBILITIES...TO INVOLVE THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

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IN THE PROCESS OF PEACE-MAKING; TO DISCUSS WITH THE OTHER ARABS CONFRONTATION STATES THE MECHANICS OF RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE." EDITORIAL CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT OTHER THING "MR. CARTER COULD DO IS TO DISCUSS WITH HIS TREASURY SECRETARY AND HIS GOD...THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER...WHETHER THE UNQUESTIONING PROVISION OF MASSIVE AMERICAN AID TO EXPANSIONIST ISRAEL HAS REALLY BEEN CONDUCIVE TO PEACE-MAKING PROCESS THAT HAS NOW SO PERPLEXED MR. CARTER THAT HE MUST RESORT TO HIGH-RISK THEATRICALS." NAIFEH

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